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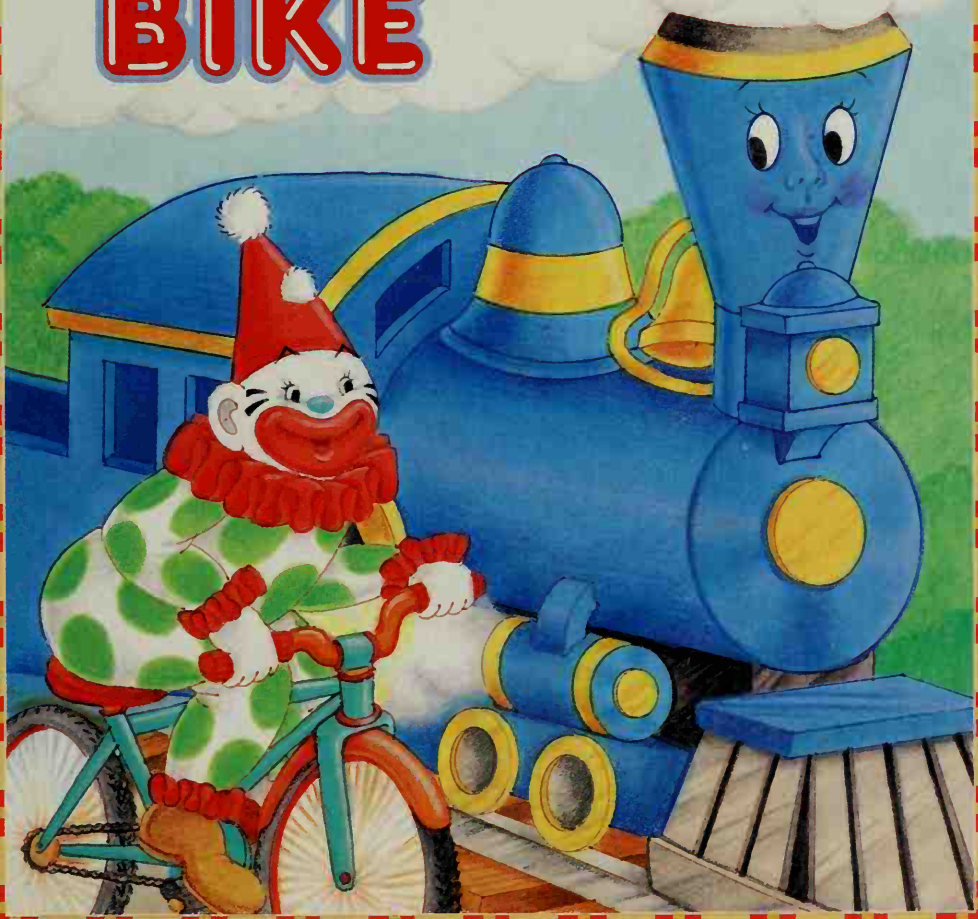
THE BIRTHDAY BIKE



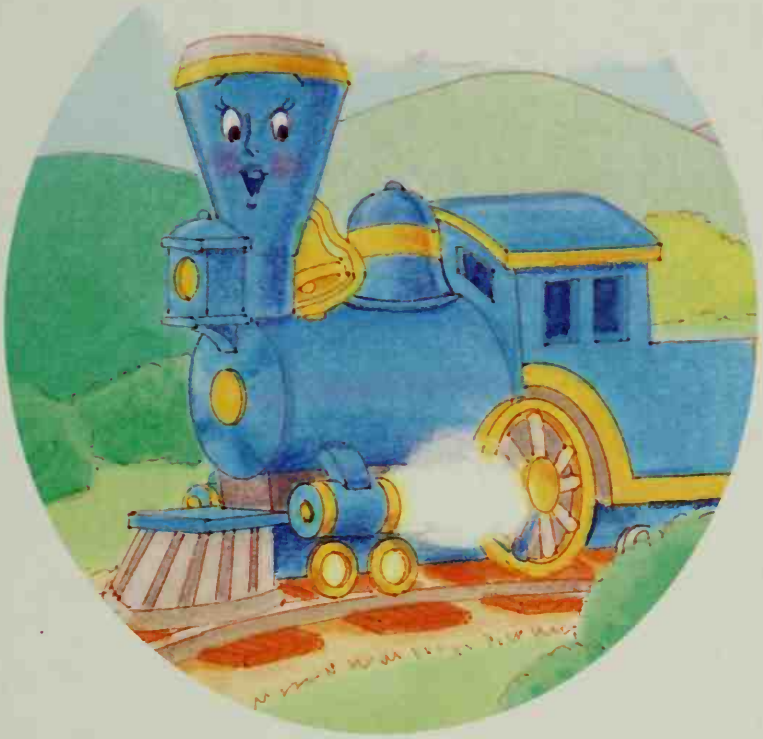
Today is a special day. It is the clown's birthday. Look at the present he got from the Little Blue Engine and all of his friends—a beautiful new bike!

"It's just what I wanted," says the clown. "Thank you!"

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
CLOWN

The clown loves his birthday bike. He wants to ride it right away. So he jumps on.

But he doesn't know how to ride a bike, yet.
It wiggles this way. It wobbles that way
Oops! The clown falls down.



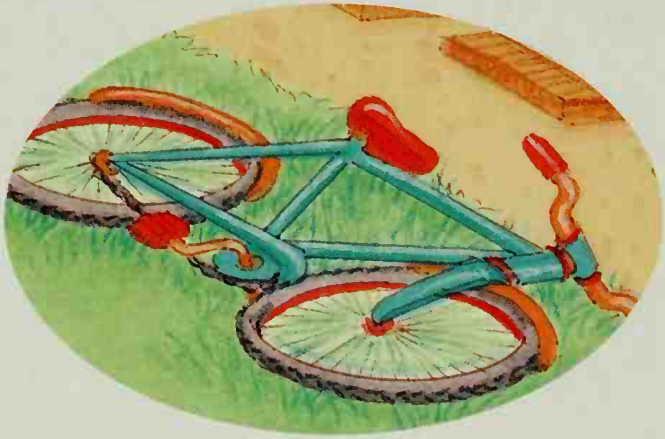
"I can't ride this bike," he sobs. "I don't like it anymore." And off he runs. Boo, hoo, hoo!

"I must help the clown," thinks the Little Blue Engine.

So she follows him. *Chug, chug, chug!*

The Little Blue Engine catches up to the clown at last. He is sitting on a swing, just as sad as can be.

"Don't be sad," says the Little Blue Engine. "It takes time to learn how to ride a bike. But I think you can do it. I think you can. I think you can."



She carries her friend back to the place where he left his birthday bike.

"I think I can do it," the clown says to himself. "I think I can. I think I can."

When they arrive, the clown gets back on his bike. He tries to ride it. Then he tries again. And again.

Soon he is pedaling all over the place.

"Look at me!" he laughs.

"Hooray!" his friends shout. "Happy Birthday, Clown!"

And then they all eat the cake!

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